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1. EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR FOR RELATIONS WITH STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES FRIEDRICH KLEIN TOLD MISSION OFFICERS JUNE 14 THAT EC REPLY TO OLSZEWSKI LETTER WILL LIKELY BE CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROVED BY THE JUNE 21 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, FOLLOWING COREPER REVIEW ON JUNE 15. (KLEIN EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN BELGRADE, ON SUCH ISSUES AS THE COMMUNITY SEATING QUESTION, WILL INFLUENCE THE TIMING OF THE DECISION.)

2. KLEIN SAID ALL MEMBER STATES AGREE WITH THE COMMISSION

VIEW THAT THE EC SHOULD HOLD OUT FOR TALKS IN BRUSSELS AND THAT INITIAL DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE CONFINED TO PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS; HE ADDED THAT A FIRM EC POSITION HAS ALSO BEEN REACHED IN FAVOR OF TALKS IN SEPTEMBER, I.E. BETWEEN THE TWO BELGRADE CSCE ROUNDS. ROMANIA WILL HOLD THE CEMA COUNCIL PRESIDENCY AT THAT TIME.

- 3. THE COMMISSION REMAINS IN FAVOR OF POSTPONING TRANSMISSION OF A REPLY UNTIL AFTER THE JULY MEETING OF THE CEMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; BUT, KLEIN POINTED OUT, "CERTAIN" MEMBER STATES INSIST THAT A REPLY GO FORWARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING MINISTERIAL APPROVAL.
- 4. KLEIN SAID THAT THE MAJOR STICKING POINT REMAINS THE OUESTION OF WHO SHOULD REPRESENT THE EC IN TALKS WITH CEMA. HE STRESSED THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT THE EC WILL ADOPT THE FORMULA USED IN CURRENT FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS WITH EAST EUROPEANS (TWIN-HEADED DELEGATION, COMPOSED OF COMMISSION AND COUNCIL PRESIDENCY OFFICIALS); BUT HE INDICATED THAT, "FOR POLITICAL REASONS", THE COUN-CIL PRESIDENCY WILL PROBABLY BE INVOLVED IN THE OPENING OF TALKS, EVEN THOUGH ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE COMMISSION. THE CHEF DE CABINET TO EC COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS WILHELM HAFERKAMP (FROSCHMAIER) OFFERED CONFIRMATION OF THIS FORMULA DURING SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNS. FROSCHMAIER INDI-CATED THAT THE EC WOULD LIKELY BE REPRESENTED INITIALLY BY COMMISSION PRESIDENT ROY JENKINS AND BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HENRI SIMONET (WHO WILL HOLD THE COUNCIL CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESIDENCY AFTER JULY 1) AND THAT, FOLLOWING CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE TALKS, HAFERKAMP WOULD TAKE OVER ON THE EC SIDE.HINTON

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